(d) whether Government would instruct the proposed Pay Commission to consider making pay, promotions, and facilities attractive to retain competitiveness and quality amongst its employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) Government is aware of the fact that differences exist in the pay package etc. between private sector companies including multinational companies and Central Government employees. Government provide facilities like free health care, subsidized housing and liberal retrial benefits in addition to the salary and these facilities including salaries are periodically reviewed by the Pay Commissions. The Pay Commissions while making recommendations taken into account various aspects including the compensation package available outside the Government. Steps have already been initiated to constitute the Sixth pay Commission.

Status of Volksswagen Case

2791. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Volkswagen case being handled by CBI in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the CBI is hopeful of coming out with another major breakthrough soon;

(c) if so, the efforts being made by Government in this regard;

(d) the evidence so collected from the foreign country so far; and

(e) the likely date of completing the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (e) A case has been registered by CBI under Section 406, 420 and 120-B of IPC. Based on investigations so far, Red Corner Notices in respect of two accused have been got issued by the Interpol.

Parallel Health Insurance Scheme

2792. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a paralled health insurance

scheme for both retired and serving Central Government Servants across the Country; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) Government is examining the viability of introducing a Health Insurance Scheme for retired and serving employees of Central Government as a supplement to the Central Government Health Scheme. The details of the insurance scheme are yet to be firmed up.

Reservation in jobs for SC/ST/OBC

2793. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given a commitment to enforce policy of reservation of jobs for the SC/ST and OBC;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a Group of Ministers (GOM) was constituted to examine *inter-alia* the potential means of enforcing said reservation policy;

(d) if so, whether recommendations of the said GOM have since been received;

(e) if so, the details thereof, and

(f) the steps contemplated, if any, by Government on the basis of the GOM recomendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The Government is committed to enforcing the policy of reservation for the SCs, STs and OBCs in its services according to the instructions issued from time to time.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.